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**IN RE LETTERS PATENT NO. 6,860,883 B2**

**Patentees: Janowski et al.**

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AND METHOD**

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 2, column 21, line 16, after "mechanism" insert --including--, therefor. (from Amendment, page 3, claim 2 line 2).

Claim 3, column 21, line 23, delete "advances" and insert --advance--, therefor. (from Amendment, page 3, claim 3, line 1).

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Claim 9, column 22, line 8, delete "tripping" and insert -gripping--.  
(from Amendment, page 4, claim 7, line 11).

Claim 9, column 22, line 28, delete "refracted" and insert -retracted-,  
therefor. (from Amendment, page 4, claim 7, line 23).

**REMARKS**

The above-requested changes represent errors which occurred during printing of the patent. Inasmuch as these errors occurred on the part of the Patent Office, it is believed that issuance of a Certificate of Correction is appropriate and should be issued without expense to the patentee and such is respectfully requested.

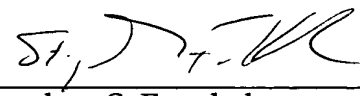
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